



Inquiry into Appropriation Bill 2026–2027 and Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2026–2027

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Miss Laura Nuttall MLA

Addressed to: Minister for the Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence

In relation to: Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence and Community Sector Indexation and Funding Renewals

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MISS NUTTALL: Thank you. So I am just keen to understand—thank you so much for the fact sheet on where the money is going for domestic, family and sexual violence organisations. And you mentioned indexing before. Can I check, when you say indexation was applied, is that the standard community sector indexation formula, for these organisations?

Mr Banks: Yes, yes.

MISS NUTTALL: Yes, beautiful. Excellent. Was that for all sort of ongoing contracts? And did that apply to contracts that might have had their funding renewed in this financial, but technically sort of moved onto a new contract?

Mr Banks: So when talking about the indexation being applied in the budget context, the government agreed to provide that funding, ongoing and indexed in the budget. When it comes to how that is administered in contracts, that is a separate issue. So as we enter into contracts, the indexation is applied through that to specific services.

MISS NUTTALL: Got you. With that, can you guarantee that, for example, if an organisation's funding would have run out in the last financial year, they have now got a new contract that the total value of that contract will have increased in line with the indexation formula?

Dr Paterson: If they have been allocated funding in this budget.

MISS NUTTALL: Yes. So do I take that as yes?

Dr Paterson: I am assuming, if that is part of what has been agreed through the budget. So if there are programs—

Mr Banks: Yes, if there was a specific program, then I could confirm it, but generally that would be the assumption that we would apply the indexation.

MISS NUTTALL: That is really helpful to know. Thank you. I wanted to check too; it is a really helpful breakdown of what programs are funded. Were there any core programs that the ACT government have been previously funding up until this year, but funding has since lapsed and not been renewed?

Dr Paterson: There were some programs that were some of the innovative pilot programs that have ceased to get funding in this budget. So part of the strategy with that is really to—I mean, the focus

of this budget has really been on core services. So particularly DVCS, CRCC and EveryMan to see an uplift in their funding. But also in a range of other areas, for example, children and young people and a range of measures to further implement the first action plan of the domestic violence strategy. So yes, I think that has been the priorities. Some of these programs were evaluated. I think largely the evaluations were positive, but decisions had to be made in terms of where priorities are, what aligns with the strategy, and really, I think at this point, making sure we have core services in the community was a priority.

MISS NUTTALL: Is that the kind of thing where you would be able to provide a list of programs whose funding had lapsed, would that be possible?

Dr Paterson: Yes. We will take it on notice, yes.

Ms Caitlin Tough MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

Funding for 8 programs previously funded via the *Federation Funding Agreement on Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence Responses 2023-25* ceased on 30 June 2026, including:

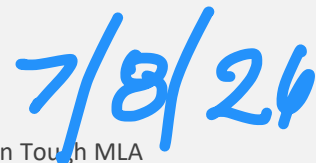
- the *Family Emergency Food Relief program* delivered by Helping ACT
- the *Karralika Empowering Women program* delivered by Karralika Programs Incorporated
- the *Culturally Responsive Legal Service to Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence amongst Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples* delivered by Legal Aid ACT
- the *Family and Sexual Violence Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Community Legal Education program* delivered by Racial and Religious Discrimination Legal Service
- the *Poolside Counselling Project* delivered by Water Wombats Aquatic Disability Services
- the *Community Justice Partnership* and the *Building First Nations Workforce Capacity Project* delivered by Women's Legal Centre ACT & Region
- the *Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence Aboriginal Support program* delivered by Yeddung Mura (Good Pathways) Aboriginal Corporation
- the *Beyond program* for LGBTIQA+ people experiencing domestic and family violence delivered by Domestic Violence Crisis Service (DVCS)
 - the 2026-27 Budget provides \$1.0 million over 4 years to establish a new LGBTIQA+ domestic, family and sexual violence program in the ACT.

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Minister for the Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence, Ms Caitlin Tough MLA